

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
MAUNDY THURSDAY
March 28, 2024**

GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

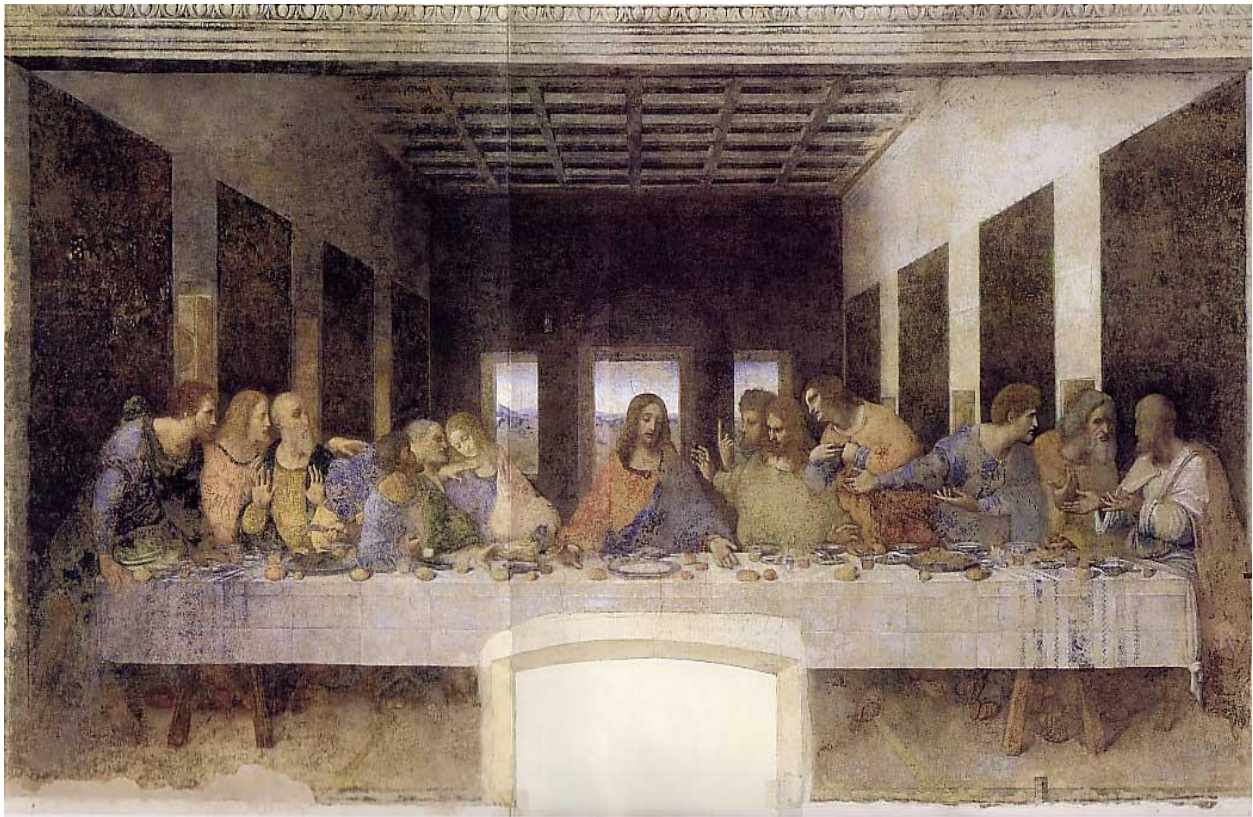
WELCOME “**LOVE, LOVE, LOVE**”

*“Whichever way you turn, whichever way you turn,
Whichever way you turn, there is the face of God.”*
by JP Newell

INTRODUCTION

On this day, the Christian community gathers to share in the holy supper Christ gave the church to reveal his unending love for the human family. From this gathering, we are sent to continue these actions in daily life: to serve those in need, to offer mercy, to feed those who are hungry.

This first liturgy of the Three Days has no ending.
It continues with the worship of Good Friday and concludes with the Vigil of Easter.
Together the Three Days proclaim the mystery of our faith.



Last Supper, Leonardo Da Vinci

GATHERING HYMN "Remember Me" by Aaron Adams
Sung by the Choir

The Pastor begins the Triduum (Three Days) with a meditation & story:

“Exodus the narrative of an unbound God.”

The Christian tradition of Maundy Thursday begins by remembering God's delivering the Hebrew slaves from slavery.

This year Passover begins on April 22.

We continue to remember this power of our ancestry and faith as we seek wisdom during these challenging times.

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.]

¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

A PSALM PRAYER: Psalm 116:1, 10-17 *REFRAIN RESPONSE listed below

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,*
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

How shall I repay the LORD*

for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation*

and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD*

in the presence of all his people. **Refrain**

Precious in the sight of the LORD*
is the death of his servants.

O LORD, I am your servant;*
 I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
 you have freed me from my bonds.
 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving*
 and call upon the name of the LORD.
 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD*
 in the presence of all his people,
 in the courts of the LORD's house,*
 in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. **Refrain**

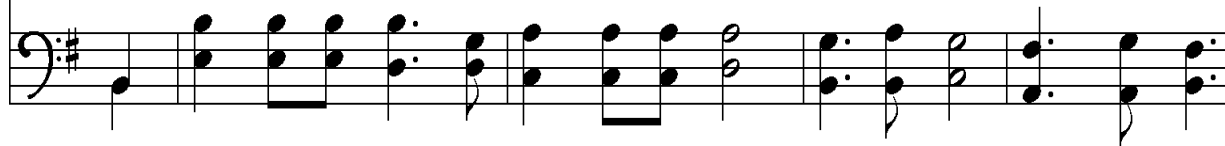
***REFRAIN RESPONSE:** "Oh Lord, Hear My Prayer" **ELW 751**

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The Lord Is My Song



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
 OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.



Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.
 Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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GOSPEL:**John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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A FAITH SONG “Stay With Me [Taizé]” (sing three times) ELW 348

Stay with Me

Musical score for "Stay with Me" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and". The second system continues the vocal line and bass line with the lyrics: "pray. Watch and pray." The music features simple chords and a steady rhythm.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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THE TABLE IS SET FOR THE COMMUNION OF LOVE

Holy Communion is a natural meal with eternal proportions. It is constructed by God’s love through Jesus, the Christ and the Ruah/Breath/Wind of God’s Holy Spirit. It is natural to be brought to this meal for the reconciliation of friendship and the love for God’s Earth. The meal will be hosted in a simple and natural manner. The Pastor will institute the meal with only symbolic actions. No words will be needed on this solemn night.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SONG Ubi caritas et amor [Taizé]

Ubi caritas et amor *Where True Charity and Love Abide*

Musical score for "Ubi caritas et amor" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: "U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,". The second system continues the vocal line and bass line with the lyrics: "u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est. God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there." The music features simple chords and a steady rhythm.

Text: Latin antiphon, 9th cent.; Taizé Community; tr. *With One Voice*

Music: TALZE UBI CARITAS, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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The hospitality of this meal is based on God's love and your need to act out that love.
You will be invited forward to this meal and be offered bread and wine.

Pastor Rommereim will be stationed at the altar for any who would want healing anointing.

THE CONFRONTATION WITH JESUS' TORTURE

THE COMMUNITY STRIPS THE ALTAR

Psalm 22 is read or sung as the assembly removes the beauty of life adorning the altar.

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.

³Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

⁶But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

⁸“Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”

⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

¹²Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

¹³They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.

¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.

¹⁷I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

¹⁸They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"



WE LEAVE THE EMPTY TOMB AND HIDE OUT IN THE 'UPPER ROOM.'